

REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation that, in the Office Action dated January 10, 2008, claims 12, 13, 30, 31, 48 and 49 were objected to as being dependent upon a
5 rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, claims 1-11, 14-19, 20-29, 32-47 and 50-55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,975,425 (“Abe et al.”).

10 In response, Applicant has rewritten the “objected to” claims 12, 13, 30, 31, 48 and 49 in independent form. Specifically, the independent claims 1, 20 and 37 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 12, 30 and 48, respectively, and the respective intervening claims. In addition, new independent claims 56, 57 and 58 have been added to include the limitations of claims 13, 31 and 49, respectively, and the
15 respective intervening claims. However, Applicant has removed the limitation “*of a size determined by a user*” from claims 1, 37, 56 and 58 and the limitation “*said geometric object being user-manipulable with respect to at least a creation of said geometric object on said surface,*” from claims 20 and 57. Applicant respectfully asserts that the claims 1, 20, 37 and 56-58 are allowable even without the inclusion of these limitations. As a
20 result of these claim amendments, claims 11-13, 29-31 and 47-49 have been canceled, and claims 14-16, 18, 19, 32, 33, 36, 50-52, 54 and 55 have been amended to maintain proper dependency. In view of the amendments to the claims, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims 1-10, 14-28, 32-46 and 50-58 are now in condition for allowance.

25 In responding to the Office Action, Applicant has amended the specification to insert the serial number for a referenced U.S. patent application. Specifically, the paragraphs [0051] and [0056] have been amended to insert the serial number of 10/671,953 for U.S. patent application entitled “Intuitive Graphic User Interface with
30 Universal Tools,” which was filed on September 26, 2003.

Applicant respectfully requests a notice of allowance in view of the claim amendments and the remarks made herein.

5 Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of January 10, 2008 to and through July 10, 2008, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of three months (\$525).

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